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117TH STAKE TO BE SET UP IN CALIFORNIA

Division of Los Angeles Unit to Follow Spirit in Hollywood

Creation of the one hundred seventeenth stake of the Church will take place soon in the division of the Los Angeles Stake, it is announced by President David O. McKay, who returned late yesterday from the coast city where he officiated at the division of the Hollywood stake.

The new stake, organized Sunday by President McKay and known as the Pasadena Stake is the 116th unit. President McKay was assisted in the division by Elders Reed Smoot and John A. Widtsoe, of the Council of the Twelve.

Population Was 9,000

The Hollywood Stake, before the division had a membership of more than 9,000. The Adams ward of the Los Angeles Stake with a population of 1,067, was added to the Hollywood Stake. This leaves a membership of more than 8,500 in the Los Angeles Stake, which membership will form the nucleus of the new units. The division is expected to take place on Sunday, May 3.

The wards in the new Pasadena Stake are Alhambra, Burbank, Elysian Park, Garvanza, Glendale, Lankershim, Pasadena, San Fernando, and Hollywood Wards. The New Hollywood Stake includes the Adams, Arlington, El Segundo, Inglewood, Mar Vista, Santa Monica, Redondo, Wilshire, and Boyle Heights wards.

President David H. Cannon of the Hollywood stake is head of the Pasadena Stake. His counselors are Rulon L. Cheney, and Le Roy Buchmiller, with the following as members of the stake High Council.

High Council Members

E. Fayette Marshall, Ernest M. Hall, David W. Cummings, Ray M. Haddock, Joseph E. Olsen, Winfield Cannon, Fred S. Hatch, and Lewis Oviatt.

Wilford G. Edling, second counselor in the Hollywood Stake is the president of the new Hollywood Stake. His counselors are Preston G. Richards, a former Salt Lake attorney, and Jesse Ray Petit, a member of the bishopric of the Wilshire ward. Members of the High Council are Charles H. Noberg, R. E. Caldwell, John G. Corbridge, Hial M. Hales, Dan McAllister, Leo Beck. —Deseret News.

TARDY MESSENGER

The editors of the Messenger wish to apologize for the spasmodic publication of this stake's newspaper. Lack of news from the various auxiliaries and wards has been the main reason for our lateness.

If you wish news concerning your auxiliary or ward to appear in the Messenger, please send it in to us by the first Monday of each month.

RELIEF PROGRAM

The four northern California Stakes: Gridley, Sacramento, Oakland, and San Francisco have been organized into the **Oakland Region,** as a result of the new Relief Program launched by the Church. President W. Aird MacDonald has been designated as the chairman of the Oakland Regional Council which will direct the work in the four stakes.

President Johnson has been designated as the chairman of the Oakland Stake Relief organization.

A meeting of the Stake Presidency, High Council, Bishops, Stake Relief Society Officers, and Priesthood Presidencies was held in the Oakland Chapel on Sunday afternoon, May 10, for the purpose of presenting the plan of the church and of discussing steps to be taken to carry it out.

Bishop Alma D. Ericksen of the Berkeley Ward was sustained as the chairman of the newly-formed Bishop's Council. John G. Wimmer was sustained as the Stake Work Director, and A. E. Fitzpatrick as the manager of the Bishop's Store house.

The various committees and directing groups will meet each Thursday evening in the Stake Presidency office in Oakland until the work gets well under way.

While there are some new officers provided in the new set-up, the plan is largely built upon the existing organization of the Church.

MORMON MUSIC

The Liahona, a cantata written by a Latter-day Saint, W. King Driggs, and produced by a Mormon choral society, March 30 and May 26, 1934, has been given the distinct honor of being produced by Lawrence D. Reeder, a leading voice teacher and conductor of the Claremont Choral Club of Berkeley, on May 22, 1936, in the Oakland City Auditorium. Neither the director nor the chorus are members of the Church. The Mormon Male Chorus which has broadcast over the radio swelled the number of singers to eighty-five. Four of San Francisco's leading oratorio vocal artists were selected for the solo parts. They were Eileen Piggott, soprano; Ulah Hosmer, contralto; Raymond Marlowe, tenor; and Everett Foster, bass.

The Liahona is a dramatic interpretation in song of an Epic of ancient America based on the Book of Mormon and written in modern dynamic style. Three motifs appear in the composition: (1) a minor, sinister theme representing Laman, the rebellious son of the prophet Lehi; (2) a major, religious theme representing Nephi, the righteous son, and (3) symbolizing the Liahona.

Besides "The Liahona" Mr. Driggs has composed a number of operettas and songs which have been used in the schools of the Middle West.

ROADMAKERS AND ROADMENDERS

In traveling over the roads of Arizona's expanse of forests, of rugged mountains, or broken deserts, one cannot but be impressed with the thought of how they came to make the highway just where it is; the foresight of the pathfinders. No less impressive is the work of the roadmakers and later the roadmenders as well.

Another wonderful creation, engineering project, not so often noted perhaps, but of far more lasting importance, is the development of the wriggling, helpless mass of humanity at babyhood, into the physical, intellectual and moral giants of adulthood in this life, to say nothing of the possibilities of development in a future estate. The officers of the Church, the Stake Presidency, High Council, Bishops, all stake and ward officers down to the lowliest member of the Priesthood, are the roadmakers and roadmenders of this great project for the people of Maricopa Stake. We have assumed this responsibility in accepting positions in the Church. How do we discharge it?

The Chief Engineer, the Great Pathfinder, Jesus Christ marked the path and showed the way for human feet and aspirations throughout the eternities. John, the Baptist, was one of His able assistants. Their methods are strikingly different and worthy of careful analysis. John was remote, ascetic; Jesus mingled with people and made friends. John was tense, hurrying toward his goal; Jesus had time to talk with people by the wayside and attend wedding suppers. John was stern in his words, making people want to run for their lives; Jesus was genial, making people want to invite Him to their dinners. John was primarily a critic, denouncing vices, Jesus was primarily a creator, demonstrating virtues. John declared that deliverance was to come by laying the axe to the root of the tree and cutting it out; Jesus likened himself to a gardener standing before a barren fig tree and pleading for more time to dig around it that he might make it bear fruit. In short, John would create a new world with an axe; Jesus with a spade.

Now, it does make a difference whether we set out to do our pathfinding, roadmaking and roadmending with an axe to cut out the evils, or with a spade to make the good grow. It is much easier to criticize what is wrong than to create what is right. John, the Baptist's, fiery fighting sermons along the Jordan drew larger crowds than Jesus' beatitudes spoken in the sermon on the mount. There is no doubt that the pathfinder with the axe seems to make more rapid progress than the pathfinder with the spade. But what about permanent results? Few, if any, of John's words are remembered; Christ's sayings are quoted in every land and clime and will live forever. In our roadmaking and repairing may we keep this in mind.

—J. C. Anderson

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"Behold, I will send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me; and the Lord whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple."—Mal. 3:1

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SPIRITUALITY AND THE WORD OF WISDOM

At various times in the past, stress has been placed upon the physical, mental, and economic phases of the Word of Wisdom. What is probably the most important consideration in this question, the spiritual phase, has been somewhat neglected.

The Word of Wisdom includes in its preamble these words: "showing forth the order and will of God in the temporal salvation of all saints in the last days." Because the same preamble states that it was given "not by way of commandment or restraint" some have construed it to be purely advice with no definite obligation to obey it. Others have claimed that it is for the "temporal salvation" and therefore has no spiritual significance.

To the true Latter-day Saint anything that is given "showing **forth the order and will of God"** is as binding as anything could possibly be. Also even a suggestion given "by revelation and the word of wisdom" from our Father in Heaven cannot be ignored with impunity. Surely there are spiritual considerations to Latter-day Saints where the Word of the Lord is so direct and unmistakable.

Experience indicates that spirituality is incompatible with liquor, tobacco, hot drinks, or the excessive use of meat. These things, which cause the body to react abnormally, interfere with spiritual processes and eventually cause the user to lose, or at least decrease, spirituality and, if persisted in to lose the spirit of the Gospel.

This loss of spirituality, of the Spirit of the Lord, is by far the most severe penalty paid by the violator of the Word of Wisdom. And this loss, if there is no repentance, is inevitable where people ignore or refuse to accept and obey the "order and will of God" given by direct revelation.

The Word of Wisdom is today accepted as a commandment to members of the Church. Its observance, as pointed out repeatedly by President Heber J. Grant, will bring not only temporal but also spiritual blessings to those who abide the law.

Ward Teacher's Message
for July, 1936

HIGH COUNCIL AND STAKE MISSIONARY APPOINTMENTS
June 21, 1936

High Council	Missionaries
ALAMEDA—Fisher	Edwin Humphrey
BERKELEY—Dewsnip	James Kay
DIMOND—I. J. Kest	Heber Brown
ELMHURST—Ellis	P. W. Jackson
HAYWARD—Allphin	Anna White
MARTINEZ—Soelberg	Albert Dietliker
OAKLAND—I. B. Ball	Oscar Fontano
PITTSBURG—C. C. Carr	Orland E. Olsen
RICHMOND, Wright	Bromwell Cox
VALLEJO—Stone	Elmo Carr

ORGAN BUILDER RECOGNIZED

In recognition of the work of Joseph Harris Ridges, builder of the Salt Lake Tabernacle organ, a picture of the pioneer was hung at the state capitol by the Daughters of Utah Pioneers.

Unveiling ceremonies took place at the capitol at 12 noon Monday, under the direction of Mrs. Cornelia S. Lund, president of the Utah State Central company. Mrs. Annie Ridges Williams, 76, the only living child of the organ builder will unveil the portrait. A picture of Mrs. Ridges will be hung at the same time beside that of her husband.

Through keen observation of the details of organ building while working at an organ factory in Australia, Mr. Ridges learned his art before joining the Church in 1856. His interest in music was so great that he devoted considerable time to the history of music and musical instruments.

While in Sidney, Brother Ridges constructed a small pipe organ, and having joined the Church, he was advised to take the instrument to Utah. The experiences encountered in taking this organ to Utah make interesting pages in early Mormon history.

The various sections of the organ were soldered up in tin boxes and shipped to San Pedro. There Charles C. Rich and Amasa Lyman sent teams from San Bernardino to haul the instrument. By working all winter in California, Mr. Ridges received as payment four mules, some harness, a wagon, a sack or two of flour and some money. Then he received word that President Brigham Young wanted him to bring the organ to Utah.

A company was made up, the tin cases containing the organ were loaded in wagons and the journey began.

Tales of horrors, of thirst in the desert; loss of a prized gold watch by Mr. Ridges in Death Valley and its subsequent return to Salt Lake City by a pony express rider, who noticed it sticking up out of the sand, are to be found in a diary telling of the journey.

Mr. Ridges was selected by President Brigham Young to build the tabernacle organ during the early sixties. Assisted by Shure Olsen, Niels Johnson, Henry Taylor, Frank Woods, and others, Mr. Ridges planned the instrument. While one was collecting various specimens of wood from the canyons, another was making tools with which to carve the wood and another was experimenting in making glue. It was finally decided that the best wood was found in hills around Parowan and in Pine Valley about 300 miles south of Salt Lake City. It was a fine grain of white pine, without much pitch or gum and admirably suited for the large pipes.

Before the organ was completed, hundreds of cattle hides and buffalo skins were boiled to produce the glue, oxen made long trips over lonely dangerous roads with the wood and 100 men were employed constantly in the construction begun in 1886 and concluded in 1867. Commenting on his work after its completion, Mr. Ridges said:

"We feel that we have not worked in vain. Our reward is in seeing the completed instrument, for a thing of beauty is a joy forever."

Mr. Ridges was born April 25, 1827, in Southampton, England. His wife, Adelaide Whitely Ridges, was born June 17, 1830, in London.—Deseret News.

"MAN IS THAT HE MIGHT HAVE JOY"

This statement given to the world through our modern prophet is well worth our serious thought and consideration.

"God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him, male and female created He them."

In placing him upon earth it was the purpose of God that man should have joy.

Joy, according to the dictionary, is a feeling arising from the expectation or realization of some good fortune. To be glad, rejoice, exult. The question then arises, What will give joy? One author has said, "Thought and the struggle after truth are the best joys of the best men." Surely there is truth in that statement. Lasting joy comes only to one who has high ideals and constantly seeks to live up to those ideals.

Obedience of law brings joy and peace. Breaking of law brings only sadness and misery.

So often we hear the youth of today express the desire to live their own lives. We want them to live their own lives, but we want them to so live that they may have joy, lasting joy which comes through service. A joy shared always becomes greater. We cannot live without affecting the lives of others for good or evil.

Deeds of ours reaching far
Affect the lives of others,
For in reality we are
The keepers of our brothers.

A virtue practiced may make strong
An utter stranger maybe,
A vice disastrous prove sometimes
To one we love most dearly.

Services rendered to self, to fellowmen, or to God gives the deepest satisfaction.

Our boys and girls who go into the mission field and sincerely place themselves in harmony with the spirit of their work, all testify to the joy of service. As they carry the message of truth to others they receive a testimony for themselves and the more often they bear it to others, and the more they study the greater their progress and the greater their joy.

When asked which is the greatest commandment, Christ answered, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy mind and with all thy strength," and the second is like unto it, "Thou shall love thy neighbor as thyself."

If the adult as well as the youth will truly live these two commandments they will indeed fullfil the measure of their creation and receive joy in this life and in the life to come.

The old, old quest of happiness
Still sought by everyone
Can only come to him whose work,
Is useful and well done.

For yesterday is but a dream,
A vision is tomorrow,
Today well lived brings happiness
And banishes all sorrow.

No question then of wealth or power
But just one's niche to find
Will bring to man a joy supreme
And a contented mind.

Forget yourself in serving well
A neighbor or a friend
Then happiness unsought by you
Will be yours in the end.

—Mrs. C. W. Peterson

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AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES GENEALOGY

The Stake Genealogical Committee went on a Sunday boat trip with purpose of viewing the bridges now in the process of construction. While observing the mechanics of the bridge building apparatus, they forgot the mechanics of their own boat, and as a result found themselves adrift on the bay minus the comforting hum of the motor. After hours of futile rowing, they were prevented from drifting out to ocean by a return of the tide. About 1:30 a. m. they arrived home, wet and bedraggled, and firmly convinced that they should spend Sundays quietly at home.

PRIMARY NEWS

On April 25 and 26, the Stake Primary Convention was held, with Gen. Supt. May Anderson and Gen. Secretary Mary Jack present. Saturday noon a large number of Stake and Ward officers and teachers met in honor of our visitors, at a luncheon. Immediately afterwards the first session of the convention was held.

Sunday morning the Home Builders and Trail Builders were presented as a chorus furnishing special music.

The Primaries throughout the Stake will continue during the summer months. An interesting program has been planned whereby the children may do their part in helping to fill the storehouse with useful articles to be used by those in need. Many of the mothers and fathers will be asked to help with the program this summer, and we earnestly request your cooperation.

Dr. Ray H. Fisher is welcomed as the High Councilman in charge of Primary Activities. His broad experience and deep interest in young people will make his assistance most valuable.

The General Primary Convention will be held in Salt Lake City, June 12-13-14.

EXILE
By Dorothy Marie Davis

My heart was enclosed
In green fastness of mountains,
Guarded by snow peaks.

Now on the prairie
I weep when mountainous clouds
Peak the horizon.

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OBEDIENCE TO LAW IS LIBERTY

Youth should understand that the spirit is the life of man, and the body is its tabernacle; that the tabernacle cannot be polluted or defiled without injuring the spirit, and that the spirit will grow and develop only as the house in which it dwells provides an atmosphere of purity and beauty. Youth admires strength and power. They must learn that the real strength is the strength of being clean.

Youth should know that obedience is not bondage, but liberty — liberty under law; that the only real freedom is the freedom from our weaknesses; from the vices, the remorse of conscience, and the infraction of law. When youth understands that the bending of the will in obedience tends to liberty and joy, then lawlessness, disrespect and irreverence will wane. I wish that youth could realize that the only death to be feared is the death that is the wages of sin, and that the Gospel program of living is insurance against that dreadful calamity; that the commandments of God, both the "shalt" and the "shalt nots" and the warnings, reproofs, and admonitions of God's servants, are all kindly calculated to hedge round the precious age of youth with safe-guards which shall protect its course until the age of wisdom and judgment shall be reached.—Elder Stephen L. Richards.

RICHMOND

The M. I. A. held their closing party Tuesday evening, May 5. A program followed by games and refreshments constituted the evening's entertainment.

Brother W. C. Anderson, First Counselor in the Bishopric, was honored at a party given by members of the ward, Tuesday. Brother Anderson's work takes him out of town the greater part of the time, and we have missed his presence at our meetings.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Bradeson and Bishop and Mrs. Arthur L. Hopkins motored to Mesa, Arizona, to join the Temple Pilgrimage. They joined the group in as many sessions as was possible.

Sister Naomi Layton and son Herbert are visiting in Salt Lake City for a few weeks.

A very successful sewing day was held by the Relief Society Tuesday, June 9. A gratifying amount of finished work was the result of the earnest labor of the sisters, under the able direction of Sister Nettie Dewsnup. Hearty enthusiasm for the new program and happy co-operation among the sisters made an enjoyable and profitable meeting.

Hopes for a new chapel in the near future are rapidly rising with the steady growth of our building fund. Come on, Richmond.

Baby Barbara Waters was blessed Sunday, May 10, by Bishop A. L. Hopkins.

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BAPTISMS

DAUGHTER—Joyce Yeaman of Alameda
DAUGHTER—Patricia Campbell of Alameda
SON—Robert Burnham of Alameda
SON—Harold Clayson of Alameda

BIRTHS

DAUGHTER—To Mr. and Mrs. John L. Waters of Richmond
DAUGHTER—To Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Gengler of Richmond
DAUGHTER—To Mr. and Mrs. Pearce of Oakland

BERKELEY

The last few weeks of the school term was a period of many social activities for the University students. A "Weinie" roast was held at the home of Alma Deane and Berkeley Ericksen. Marc Ricks and Doris Farr entertained jointly a large group of their friends at a party held at Miss Farr's home. The climax to the Deseret Club's activities was the party which took place May 15. Dancing was enjoyed in the recreation hall and games were played in the lounge of the church. Anyone who would like to become a member of this organization will receive notice of all events if he sends his name and address to Miss Helen Caine, 2321 Dwight Way. Beginning June 7, the club will meet every other Sunday afternoon at 3:00 p. m. in the lounge of the Berkeley Chapel for games and discussions. New and prospective members are invited.

The Berkeley M. I. A. closed its season's activities with a party which took place on May 5, after Mutual. This last meeting was a Ward Honor Night in which all achievements were duly recognized.

Miss Ione Casto and her sister Eva Pinkerton, who is the president of the Berkeley Deseret Club, are spending their vacation at Lake Tahoe.

Mr. William Hatch, his wife Beulah, and their baby daughter have returned to Berkeley after an absence of several months.

Members of the Aaronic Priesthood of Berkeley conducted the evening services Sunday, May 17.

A special Relief Society Work Meeting will be held Tuesday, June 9.

MARTINEZ

Brother Carr of the Stake High Council and Brother Elliott of the Stake Missionary Quorum spoke in Sacrament Meeting April 19.

A Sunday School entertainment was held at Termey for the benefit of our branch Sunday School there.

The Ward Primary May Festival was held May 29.

Continued efforts are being made to clear the ground selected as the chapel site.

Evelyn Brey has fully recovered from her recent illness.

ALAMEDA

The Primary children had an Easter party at McKinley Park, April 9. Luncheons were served to all the children by Primary officers after which games were played and an Easter egg hunt was held.

The Sunday School held its annual Easter party at Sequoia Park. Bishop Crandall won high honors in the horseshoe contest.

The Priesthood held a Bowling contest at Zing's Bowling Alley on Wednesday, April 22. In the elimination contest, Theron Hatch and Bertrand Foulger won first and second places respectively.

A surprise party was given at the home of Wendell Jensen in honor of Mrs. Jensen's birthday. Mrs. Jensen's sister, Mrs. W. R. Wayman of Provo, Utah, is visiting her.

Mrs. Leo Crandall gave a party in honor of the Ward Bishopric and their wives.

Mrs. Wendell Jensen's baby was blessed Sunday, May 3, and was given the name of Sherian Marie.

MISSIONARIES

Elder Grant Tolman sailed Dec. 10, 1935, from San Francisco for the Australian Mission, arriving at Sidney Dec. 31, 1935. After a few days spent in Sydney, he went to the mission headquarters, located at Melbourne. From there he was sent to Bendigo, a mining town with a population of 20,000 to 30,000 people. He and Elder Elmer Evans from Salt Lake City are the only missionaries in this vicinity.

June Weindorf left her home Jan. 11, 1936, for the mission home in Salt Lake City. She left Salt Lake Jan. 23, 1936, for the North Central States Mission, arriving Jan. 25, at Minneapolis, the headquarters of this mission. She has been laboring since her arrival, her companion being Sister Terry from Utah.

Elder Boice Carr arrived at the Mission Home Feb. 3, 1936. He sailed on the Steamer Manhattan Feb. 22, for the Netherlands Mission, arriving about March 3. He and his Missionary companion do most of their traveling on bicycle. Elder Carr has played a number of musical selections on his violin at conferences and other gatherings.

Elder Gail Cragun left the Mission Home April 12 for New Orleans where he took the boat for the Brazilian Mission in South America. He was expected to arrive at Port Santos, Brazil, on May 15, but as yet no word from him has been received except a card written on the boat. He expects to go to the Headquarters at San Paulo which is inland about 30 miles and has a population of 1,000,000 people.

DIMOND

Brother Chas. C. Cherrington was recently called to Salt Lake to attend the funeral of his mother, Mary A. Cherrington. She was 85 years of age, and left 12 children, 62 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren. She was among the first pioneers to cross the plains.

Mr. and Mrs. Elton Thatcher are moving to Burlingame to make their home.

Emma Lawrence and Kenneth Mathison wish to announce their engagement. The wedding will take place in the near future.

The May Day Festival was given by the children of the Primary on Friday evening, May 15. The Queen, Betty Jean Clarke and her attendants, Crown Bearer, Donna Phelps, and Maids of Honor, Bernadine Rice and Virginia Cox were entertained by Fairies, Fireflies, Bees and Butterflies in songs and dances.

Rich Miller is now convalescing at his home after having undergone a very serious operation.

Miss Barbara Berg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Rigby and Robert Loane, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Loane and member of the Chattanooga Baseball Club, will be married in June. Recently he has been sent to Albany, New York, where they will be married. They plan to spend the summer in the East, motoring to Oakland in October, stopping in Salt Lake City to go through the Temple.

Mrs. Effie Gibbs has had as her recent guest, her aunt, Mrs. R. L. Norton of Modesto.

An excellent cast has been selected for the operetta, "And It Rained," to be given early in June.

The hostesses for the monthly Social and Business meeting of the Primary Officers last month were Grace Jackson, Lulu McCarthy and Nita Van Noy.

Dr. Glenn and Mrs. Dorius recently entertained for Dr. and Mrs. K. Neilson of Chicago. Dr. Neilson is an old classmate of Dr. Dorius.

OAKLAND

A party was held recently in the recreation hall of the chapel by the officers and teachers of the Primary for their husbands.

Four babies have been blessed recently. They are: Marie Diane Neiman, Walter John Unck, Katherine Lessee, and Arlene La Von Gorden.

Leon Baer has left the ward for Martinez.

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